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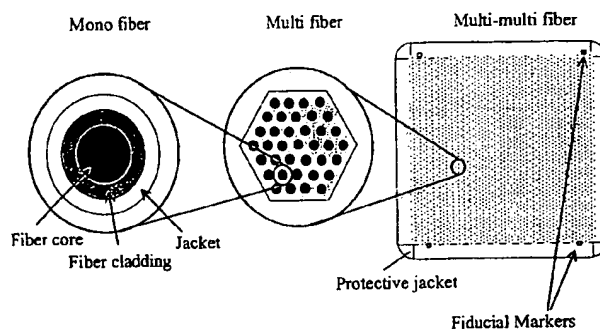
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(54) Title: **ARRAYS COMPRISING A FIDUCIAL AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION PROCESSING IN RANDOMLY ORDERED ARRAYS**

Fiber Optic Bundle



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides array compositions comprising a substrate with a surface comprising discrete sites, at least one fiducial, and a population of microspheres comprising at least a first and a second subpopulation, each comprising a bioactive agent, and distributed on said surface. Each subpopulation may optionally comprise a unique optical signature, an identifier binding ligand, or both. The invention further provides compositions comprising a computer readable memory, comprising data acquisition, registration, and comparison modules to direct a computer to function in a specified manner. The registration module may utilize any number of fiducials, including a fiducial fiber, a fiducial microsphere, or a fiducial template generated from the random array. In further aspects, the invention provided methods of making the array compositions of the invention, for comparing separate data images of a random array, for decoding a random array composition, and for determining the presence of a target analyte in a sample.

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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insofar as they relate to arrays of microspheres with a bioactive agent comprising at least two subpopulations on a substrate with discrete sites and a fiducial.

2. Claims: 11, 12 (in part); 13-17; 28-31; 32-42 (in part)

insofar as they relate to a computer system for comparing data images and method for comparing data images using the computer system.

3. Claims: 32-37 (in part)

insofar as they relate to decoding arrays of microspheres with a bioactive agent comprising at least two subpopulations on a substrate with discrete sites and a fiducial by comparing data images using a computer system.

4. Claims: 38-43 (in part)

insofar as they relate to determining the presence or absence of a target analyte in a sample by the use of arrays of microspheres with a bioactive agent comprising at least two subpopulations on a substrate with discrete sites by comparing data images using a computer system.

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